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1. SUMMARY: MPLA-UNITA TALKS TO ADJOURN TO LUSAKA. AT RALLY, MPLA SAYS IT PREPARING PARTICIPATE IN COALITION GOVERNMENT WITH OTHER LIBERATION MOVEMENTS AND PORTUGUESE, AND NOT CONCERNED WITH SPECIFIC POSTS IT MIGHT HOLD BUT EXPECTED TO HOLD REINS OF POLITICAL POWER. TANGOV APPEARS TO BE PRESSING MPLA TO COME TO TERMS WITH UNITA AND FNLA, BUT NO MENTION MADE OF MPLA INTERNAL FACTIONS.

2. MPLA PRESIDENT AGOSTINHO NETO ANNOUNCED DECEMBER 10 THAT
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HIS TALKS WITH UNITA PRESIDENT SAVIMBI ARE BIENG

ADJOURNED TO LUSAKA, BECAUSE OF PRESENCE THERE OF MOST MPLA CENTRAL COMMITTEE MEMBERS. OF TALKS SO FAR HE TOLD PRESS THAT "I CAN SEE WE CAN REACH POSITIVE RESULTS." HE SAID THAT AFTER LUSAKA TALKS, ALL THREE ANGOLAN LIBERATION MOVEMENTS--MPLA, UNITA, AND FNLA-- WOULD JOIN IN ANOTHER MEETING, WHICH NETO SAID SHOULD BE HELD INSIDE ANGOLA.

3. AT RALLY IN DAR ES SALAAM DECEMBER 10 CELEBRATING MPLS'S 18TH ANNIVERSARY, MPLA'S CHIEF REPRESENTATIVE HERE, ANDRE PETROFF, SAID MPLA WAS PREPARING ITSELF TO TAKE PART IN THE TRANSITIONAL GOVERNMENT ABOUT TO BE FORMED, WHICH WOULD BE COALITION WITH OTHER LIBERATION MOVEMENTS AND REPRESENTATIVES OF PORTUGUESE GOVERNMENT. HE ADDED THAT THE SPECIFIC POSTS MPLA WOULD HOLD IN COALITION GOVERNMENT WERE NOT IMPORTANT, WHAT WAS IMPORTANT WAS FOR MPLA TO HOLD REINS OF POLITICAL POWER. (SPEECH WAS WRITTEN IN PORTUGUESE, BUT ONLY SWAHILI TRANSLATION WAS READ IN FULL-- AND PUBLISHED SWAHILI AND ENGLISH VERSIONS DIFFER SOMEWHAT.) PETROFF SAID MPLA HAS OFFICIAL DELEGATIONS IN 9 OF 16 ANGOLAN DISTRICT CAPITALS, AND THAT ITS POPULARITY HAS LED "ENEMIES OF OUR PEOPLE" TO CREATE DISTURBANCES AND KILL PEOPLE WHILE DISGUISED AS MPLA MILITANTS.

4. AUDIENCE AT MODEST OUTDOOR RALLY (WHICH NETO DID NOT ATTEND) CONSISTED MOSTLY OF DIPLOMATIC CORPS REPRESENTATIVES (COMMUNIST AMBASSADORS MUCH IN EVIDENCE), SCHOOLCHILDREN, AND PASSERS-BY. IT WAS ADDRESSED, IN ADDITION TO PETROFF, BY GUEST-OF-HONOR PETER SIYOVELWA (MINISTER OF STATE IN PRESIDENT'S OFFICE), AND REPRESENTATIVES OF TANU YOUTH LEAGUE (TYL) AND OAU LIBERATION COMMITTEE. TYL MESSAGE INCLUDED RECOMMENDATION THAT AFRICAN NATIONS SHOULD CEASE THINKING OF SENDING PEOPLE TO FIGHT IN COUNTRIES STILL FIGHTING FOR INDEPENDENCE, BECAUSE "THEY DO NOT NEED MERCENARIES."

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5. LOCAL PRESS GAVE RALLY HEAVY PUBLICITY, WITH BANNER HEADLINE IN OFFICIAL DAILY NEWS DECEMBER 11 READING "MPLA READY FOR COALITION. INTERIM GOVERNMENT ABOUT TO BE FORMED." EDITORIAL IN SAME ISSUE SAYS THAT ANGOLAN LIBERATION MOVEMENTS CAN ONLY CLEAR THEMSELVES OF PORTUGUESE CHARGE THAT THEY ARE DELAYING FORMATION OF TRANSITIONAL GOVERNMENT "BY QUICKLY ACTING TOWARDS THE

DIRECTION OF SERIOUS PREPARATIONS TO TAKE OVER."
EDITORIAL WELCOMES MPLA-UNITA TALKS AND SAYS THAT
"IT IS TO BE HOPED THAT THE TWO LEADERS WILL COME
OUT WITH A CONCRETE AND LASTING FORMULA SO THAT
TOGETHER WITH THE OTHER MOVEMENT--FNLA--ANOTHER
STEP TOWARDS ANGOLAN INDEPENDENCE CAN BE TAKEN
IN THE NEAR FUTURE", CONCLUDING WITH ADMONITION
"LET THE THREE MOVEMENTS THEREFORE RISE TO THE
OCCASION AND FIND A FORMULA FOR ANGOLA IM-
MEDIATELY."

6. COMMENT: GIVEN TANGOV'S STRONG PREDELICITION
FOR NETO FACTION OF MPLA AS PRINCIPAL REPRESENTATIVE ANGOLAN
PEOPLE, OFFICIAL PRESS REACTION TO CURRENT TALKS
SUGGEST TANZANIANS ARE PRESSURING NETO TO
COME TO TERMS QUICKLY WITH MAJOR RIVALS. NOTHING
HAS BEEN SAID IN PRESS, HOWEVER, ABOUT THE OTHER FACTIONS
WITHIN MPLA.
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